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SUBJ: CIVAIR: ICAO MEETING ON CUBAN AIRSPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS

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1. AS PREDICTED REFTEL, ICAO MEETING HERE NOV 19
AND 20 FAILED TO PRODUCE AGREEMENT ON THIRD AIR CORRIDOR
OVER CUBA. THIS WAS EXPECIALLY SOUGHT BY THE JAMAICANS
DUE TO HEAVY TRAFFIC IN CORRIDOR ONE, THE "MAYA"
CORRIDOR. PROBLEM IS LESS SEVERE IN CORRIDOR TWO, THE
"GIRON", WHICH IS TO THE WEST AND LEADS SOUTH TO
PANAMA. PLANES BOOUND OVER CUBA TO AND FROM KINGSTON
ARE DESCENDING OR ASCENDING, INCREASING AIR CONTROL
PROBLEMS. JAMAICANS, IN THIS LTHEIR FIRST MEETING WITH
CUBAN AIR OFFICIALS, WANTED A THIRD CORRIDOR TO THE
EAST, WHICH WOULD BE ONE WAY (CONVERTING THE MAYA
CORRIDOR TO ONE WAY ALSO). CUBANS BALKED, BECAUSE
THEY SAID PROPOSED CORRIDOR WOULD BE OVER MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS. CUBANS OFFERED TO BUILD A VOR ON SOUTH
END OF CORRIDOR (WHICH WOULD ONLY BE THEIR SECOND) TO
ALLOW CLOSER PATTERNS, BUT JAMAICANS SAID THIS WOULD NOT
BE SATISFACTORY. CUBANS AND JAMAICANS AGREED TO MEET IN
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JAMAICA IN JANUARY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AMONGST

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THEMSELVES. OTHERS AT CONFERENCE NOT INVITED.

2. ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT WAS SHIFTING OF "AMBER NINE" AIRWAY TO WEST OUT OF HAVANA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR), NOW TO OVERFLY COZUMEL. THIS WILL ALLOW U.S. MILITARY FLIGHTS TO USE OPENLY AMBER NINE AIRWAY ON FLIGHTS TO/FROM PANAMA. PREVIOUSLY THEY REPORTEDLY OFTEN FLEW UNCONTROLLED IN THE HAVANA FIR, ELICITING CUBAN COMPLAINTS.

3. FURTHER, MEXICO ASKED TO EXPAND THEIR FIR EASTWARD TOWARDS CUBA, REDUCING HAVANA FIR, BUT CUBANS REFUSED, PREFERRING TO MOVE AMBER NINE EAST (PARA 2).

4. FINALLY, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON IMPROVEMENT OF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MERIDA AND HAVANA, AND BETWEEN KINGSTON AND HAVANA. CUBA AGREED TO BUILD A UHF COMMUNICATIONS STATION AT FOUR THOUSAND FEET IN CUBA TO INITIATE DIRECT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL VOICE SERVICE TO MERIDA AND KINGSTON. REPORTEDLY BRITISH FIRM IAL (INTERNATIONAL AIR RADIO, LTD.) IS TO BUILD STATION.
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